
Safety & Health Assessment & Research for Prevention (SHARP)

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Date

Dear «name»

We received your name and blood lead results from a reporting laboratory. Under the law, these laboratories must report blood lead results to SHARP. Our goal is to reduce lead poisoning in workers. Many tasks and jobs can expose workers to harmful levels of lead, but lead poisoning can usually be prevented by making simple changes in the workplace (see enclosed pamphlet).

Our records show that your blood lead level was «PBB_LEVEL»µg/dl on «DATE». We recommend that you see your doctor if you have not already done so. Lead may be affecting your health even if you do not feel sick. Employers must pay for a medical exam and follow-up lead tests for employees with blood lead levels of 40 µg/dl or greater.

With your permission, we can send your employer information about reducing lead exposures. We can also set up an on-site consultation with your employer -- at no cost and with no risk of penalty.

Lead you bring home from work may harm others in your family. You can take home lead on your clothing, tools, shoes, skin, and hair. Pregnant women and children younger than six years old are especially sensitive to lead. You may want to have other members of your family tested for lead. Your physician can guide you in this decision.

Please read the enclosed information. Your doctor can give you more information about lead. SHARP's occupational medicine physician can consult with your physician if he or she has questions about treating lead-poisoned patients or workplace lead standards.

In the next couple of weeks, we may contact you to request a telephone interview. The interview will not take more than 20 minutes. This research is voluntary. There will be no penalties for refusing to participate, for skipping questions, or for stopping the interview. Your answers will be confidential. We will not reveal your answers to anyone. The information you provide will only be used to prevent lead poisoning in other workers. Your participation will not affect any current or future legal case or workers' compensation claim.

In the meantime, please call me toll-free at 1-888-667-4277 if you have any questions about lead exposure or our research.

Sincerely,

Occupational Lead Exposure Registry Coordinator
SHARP Program

Enclosures.

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materiales informativos en Español.
Por favor de llamarnos al 1-888-
667-4277. Esta llamada es
completamente gratis.**